#### SPECIAL NOTICES.

HEADQUARTERS JOHN A. RAWLINS POST, NO. READQUARTERS JOHN A. RAWLINS POST, NO.

1, G. A. R.—The comrades of this post are requested to assemble at the post room on SATUR-DAY, at 12 m., to attend the funeral of our late comrade, George E. Lemon, late captain Co. G. 123th New York Volunteers.

Comrades of other posts are fraternally invited to unite with us in puying the last tribute of respect to a comrade tried and true.

By command of T. R. SHEPPARD, Post Commander.

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THE NATIONAL CAPITAL BANK OF WASH-INGTON,
Washington, D.C., December 24, 1896.
The board of directors of this bank at a meeting held today declared the usual semi-annual dividend of 3 per cent on the capital stock, payable after January 1, 1897. They also placed \$5,000 to the credit of the surplus fund and ordered the books for the transfer of stock closed from December 26, 1896, to January 2, 1897.

H. H. McKEE, Cashler.

MR. CABELL WHITEHEAD OF THE TREASURY
Department says: "Oct. 28 I received a compound fracture of my right elbow. Having a
TRAVELERS' accident policy I was promptly
indemnified in the sum of \$550."

Query: Are YOU insured in the Travelers?
FRANK H. THOMAS, L. & T. bidg., Agent.
de25-2t

START THE NEW YEAR RIGHT BY TAKING Life and Accident Insurance with the old Trav-elers' Insurance Company of Hartford, Conn. de25-2t Loan and Trust building, Agent. THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLD ers of the Ohio National Bank of Washington will be held at the banking house on TUESDAY, the 19th day of January, 1897, at 12 o'clock noon. Pells will be open from 12 m. to 1 p.m. for the election of directors for the ensuing year. d22-2awuptoja19 WM. OSCAR ROOME, Cashier.

 E. S.—A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GRAND Chapter will be held in Scottish Rite Cathedral, 1007 G st. n.w., SATURDAY, the 26th instant, at 6 o'clock p.m. Important business. By order at 6 o'clock p.m. Important business. By orde of the W. G. Matron. de24-3t\* W. E. NALLEY, Grand Sec.

TO THE PUBLIC: WE WOULD RESPECTFULLY state that a great deal of unnecessary comment has been caused by the retirement of one of the members of our firm. This action has been in contemplation for some time past, and the orig-imal partnership agreement entered into by our firm having expired, we decided not to renew the same. Our present firm remains the same as formerly with this exception, and our business will continue as usual. All contracts intrusted to our care will be filled upon the various ex to our care will be fined upon the various exchanges as formerly.

Very respectfully, E. B. CUTHBERT & CO.,

Bankers and Brokers, 30 Broad st., New York City,

Branch office, 1216 F 'st. n.w., Washington,

D. C. de24-3t

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H. T. STANCLIFF,

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de23-St OFFICE OF THE LANSTON MONOTYPE MA-OFFICE OF THE LANSION MONOTYPE Ma-chine Company, Washington, D. C., December 22, 1896.—A special meeting of the stockholders of the Lanston Monotype Machine Company will be held at the Braddock House, Alexandria, Va., on WEDNESDAY, December 30, 1896, at 1 o'clock p.m., to act upon propositions relating to the finances of the company. By order of the board of directors, de23-6t

NEW MILLING PLANT.

Notwithstanding the recent conflagration, all contracts are filled, or in course of completion, and we are ready for more new contracts. New machinery of the very latest types give us advantages not heretofore enjoyed, placing us in a position to turn out better work; to bid lower, deliver quicker and give even greater satisfaction than formerly.

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We, Albert J. McKee, as general partner, and Frank E. Smith (who has contributed the sum of \$1,500, as special partner, have formed a limited partnership to manufacture and deal in surgical and dental supplies, cutlery, &c., commencing DEXEMBER the 7th, 1896, and terminating NO-VEMBER the 10th, 1898.

dc9-3aw,consec,4w ALBERT J. McKEE, FRANK E. SMITH, WASHINGTON MARKET COMPANY. city of Washington, at 12 o'clock noon on the PIRST MONDAY, BEING THE FOURTH DAY OF JANUARY, 1897, for the choice of thirteen OF JANUARY, 1894, for the choice of thirteen directors to serve the ensuing year, and to act on any other subject within the power of the corporation that may come before the meeting.

S. W. CURRIDEN, Secretary.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 20, 1896, dc21-td

THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE FIREMEN'S IN surince Company of Washington and Georgetown will meet at this office on MONDAY, Jamany 4, between the hours of 11 a.m. and 12 m., for the purpose of electing thirteen directors for the

C. W. HOWARD, Secretary, ALL KINDS OF LIFE INSURANCE POLICIES
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Company of the MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE Company of the District of Columbia, WASHINGTON, Dec. 7, 1896.

Policy holders of this company are hereby notified that all policles will expire on the LAST MONDAY IN DECEMBER (28th Instant) at 6 o'clock p.tn. Renewal for the year 1897 will be without assessment. Policles must be indorsed or renewal certificate be obtained to centinue in force. Please attend without delay and avoid the crowd. SAMUEL C. WILSON, Secretary, de7-22t "I TOLD YOU SO."

TOLD YOU SO."
Osborne & Hoban's Table de Hote, from 4 until 8, is the biggest thing of the kind in Washington. 50 cents; with small bottle of wine, 75 cents. GARBAGE SERVICE-GARBAGE WILL BE COLlected twice a week in Washington city and sub-urbs until April 15, 1897. no6 J. N. WARFIELD, Contractor. DAILY EXPRESS TO ALEXANDRIA.

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Chas. E. Hodgkin, 9137th.

WINES for the Holidays!

At Christmastide, when all are gry and merriment reigns supreme, only the best of everything is good enough! Especially is this true of the Wines for the Holiday Feasts. Our Wines are acknowledged the best in Washington—the purest—and the most delicious. Place your order at once! 'Phone 1141. JAS. THARP, 812 F st. d23-10d

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Send It to a Friend.

There are lots of people who would rather have a visit from the Saturday Star fiftytwo times in the year than any other holiday remembrance you could think of. It can be sent to any out-of-town address in the United States for the whole year '97 for one dollar.

# FIRED THREE SHOTS

Wm. H. Henson's Attack on His Brother-in-Law.

#### TWO BULLETS TOOK EFFECT

The Victim Was Boisterous and Disturbed Henson's Wife.

THE STORY OF THE AFFRAY

Three leaden bullets of the 38-caliber size were sent from a "bulldog" revolver this morning in the direction of Raymond Beckett, and although two of them took effect the injured man was able to tell the story of how he received the wounds. William H. Henson, the wounded man's brotherin-law, did the shooting for the reason, as he says, "Bunnie," as Beckett is called, was making noise enough to disturb his (Henson's) wife, who is in a delicate condition. The parties to the affair are young colored men and live at No. 1112 19th street northwest, where the shooting occurred in the kitchen. Policeman J. F. Potter, who heard the reports of the pistol shots, rushed to the house and arrested Henson, who was in the hallway with the smoking pis-tol in his hand. The man who had done tol in his hand. The man who had done the shooting was ir. his nightgown, and, like his victim, he had been dr.nking, but apparently not to a great extent, although he pretended at first that he was very much intoxicated. Beckett is employed by J. C. Addison, the stationer, while his brotherin-law works for R. P. Andrews, who is in the same business.

What Led to the Shooting. Yesterday the men worked all day, and like many others who had to go from place to place they were treated to alcoholic stimulants to the extent that they were not able to walk straight when the time came for quitting work. But Beckett returned home early in the evering, although he did not remain for he had been invited out to a social gathering. This invitation was accepted, and after making a night of was accepted, and after making a hight of it he returned home. His condition was such that he did not go upstairs, but con-tented himself by going into the kitchen in the basement and taking a seat at the table. Henson had come in some time before him and had retired.

It was just about ten minutes before 9 o'clock when Beckett's boisterous language aroused Henson from his sleep, and leaving his bed he took his pistol from eneath the pillow and descended to the hibited the ugly weapon and informed his intoxicated brother-in-law that unless he became quiet he would shoot him. "I'm tired of your disturbing my wife," he said, and followed this with a threat to

"I don't care," muttered the intoxicated man, who was unable to leave the chair on which he was seated. "Shoot me if you

#### Three Shots Fired.

This invitation was enough for him, and raising the weapon he pulled the trigger three times in succession, and one bullet entered his victim's side, while another entered his chest. The third bullet missed him and was afterward picked up on the floor.

Several members of the family were about the dining room and kitchen at the time, and Henson's wife, who had followed him from their bed room, made an effort to save her brother's life and prevent her husband's getting into trouble, but the husband was too much for her. Miss Lillian High, who is visiting the Becketts, and Mrs. Adelle Beckett, mother of the wounded man, as well as John W. Beckett, his brother, were among those who were there at the time.

Mrs. Beckett and her son John grabbed the stockholders of the will be held at the user Market, in the would shoot them, pushed the try of front door and then got the mother and son outside.

# Taken Into Custody.

By this time Policeman Potter had arrived, and he entered by the door on the foor above the basement. There he saw investigation of the killing of Peter Webb Henson with a smoking weapon in his by Philip Barber, the colored hackman near 12th and R streets yesterday, as pubhand, and his attitude indicated that he was bent on doing further damage. lished in yesterday's Star, and concluded to hold ar inquest at noon tomorrow. The "Act square with me." said the big colbody of the dead man was removed to the ored man, "and I'll go with you."

"I'll treat you all right," said the officer as he advanced toward him.

Henson not being dressed the officer knew he would have to proceed cautiously, for he realized now hard a task he would have in handling a man in this con-dition. The weapon was soon handed over, and then the prisoner showed signs of get ting ugly, but the officer's plstol quieted him, and, after putting on his clothes, he was locked up for an alleged attempt to

take Beckett's life.

A telephone message had brought the police ambulance to the house, and the badly wounded man was taken to the Emergency Hospital. He was not unconscious when he left the house, but on the way to the hospital he appeared to lose consciousness. Soon after the prisoner reached the police station a friend furnished him some bedding on which to make himself comforta

#### What the Prisoner Says. When seen by a Star reporter he told his

version of the affair, saying he did the shooting because his brother-in-law's bois terous language annoyed his (the prisoner's) sick wife. "I was drunk last night," he said, "and

didn't get home until 5 o'clock this morning. I slept in the stable where my employer keeps his horse, and when I went home I was so thred and sleepy that I went to bed. When 'Bunnie' came in he made so much noise that he annoyed my wife, and I went down stairs to him." "Had you had any previous trouble with

him?" he was asked. "We had some words last Sunday about the same thing." Henson said he did not want to kill his brother-in-law, but he could not stand hav-ing his wife annoyed so much, and he had

o do something.

Mrs. Beckett and the others who were in se tell substantially the same story

Story of an Eye-Witness. Miss High, who was the least excited of

the eye-witnesses, said she saw Henson when he did the shooting. "Bunnie," she said was seated at the table and had not made a move toward Henson when he did the shooting. As soon as he had fired, she said, his wife grabbed him, and on their said, his wife granded him, and on their way through the hall they fell. When she succeeded in getting Mrs. Beckett and her sen out the front door closed behind them and was bolted, probably by Henson. The latter made no effort whatever to escape.

John Beckett said he had understood that both men were at a secial eathering less. both men were at a social gathering last night, and that was where they had gotten

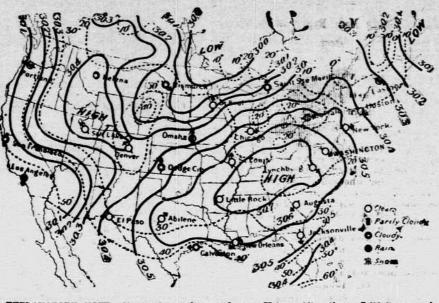
# Christmas Fire.

Today about noon an alarm of fire was turned in from box 239 for fire in two frame houses, No. 1819 and 1821 13th street northwest. The fire started in the house of Mrs. Rosa Price, No. 1821, from an overheated flue and soon burned through the frame partition to the house of Isaac Roberts adjoining. When the firemen reached the scene of the fire the flames had gained considerable headway, but they were soon un-cer control. Most of the furniture in the two houses had to be removed to the street, but the flames were confined to the rear of the building. The damage will not ex-

meaning of which she was not familian WATCHES, KNIVES, RAZORS, PICTURES, PIPES and other valuable articles in exchange for coupons with MAIL POUCH TOBACCO. with, approached a very demure and worthy matron with the following complaint about the gutter which she had been sweeping: "Ugh! madam, that gutter smells ridicu-MAIL POUCH TOBACCO.

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(2-onnee) package. COUPONS EXTLAIN HOW TO
SECURE THE ABOVE. Packages (now on sale),
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Tyz.—m, w, t, tf lous!"
The matron, hailing from the borders of Acadian Louisiana, and, not wishing to be outdone by the "new" colored woman, gravely and studicusly answered:
"No wonder! The water staggers there!"

THE OFFICIAL WEATHER MAP.



EXPLANATORY NOTE: Observations taken at 8 a.m., 75th meridian time. Solid lines are iso bars, or lines of equal air pressure, drawn for each tenth of an inch. Dotted lines are isotherms, or lines of equal temperature, drawn for each ten degrees. Shaded areas are regions where rain or enow has fallen during preceding twelve hours. The words "High" and "Low" show location of areas of high and low barometer. Small arrows fly with the wind.

#### FAIR TONIGHT.

And It Will Not Be So Cold Tomor-

Forecast till 8 p.m. Saturday: For the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia fair tonight; Saturday partly cloudy; not so cold; southwesterly winds.

Weather conditions and general forecast: The barometer has risen in the southern, middle and New England states and north of Montana, and it has fallen from the lake regions southwestward over the Rocky mountains.

It is lowest north of Minnesota and highest over the Ohio valley.

est over the Ohio valley.

The temporature has risen in the northern states and it is colder in the southern states, with freezing weather as far south as the gulf coast.

The weather is fair this morning, except in the lower lake region, where light snows

continue.

The indications are that fair weather will

continue in the southern states and thence

EVEN BY SCALPING

Peace.

While he was proceeding to make trouble

once turned on the peacemaker with a pu-gilistic demonstration, whereupon Barnes

produced a knife and undertook to scall

the troublesome man. This created such a racket that the officers of the law were attracted to the scene and arresed the offenders. They took James to the Emer-

offenders. They took James to the Emer-gency Hospital and had his scalp sewed tightly to his head and then locked him up

in the first precinct station house, charged with destroying property, while Barnes was

put in another cell, charged with assault and battery. They will not eat their Christmas turkey today.

QUARANTINE TO BE MODIFIED.

Canadian Cattle Trade Will Be Stim-

ulated by More Liberal Rules.

Sidney Fisher, minister of agriculture for

the Dominion of Canada, and Duncan Mc-

Eacham, who have been in Washington to secure a change in quarantine regulations,

affecting cattle shipped from one country

into the other, returned to Montreal yester-

ropean shipments. The change will proba-bly increase the trade in cattle between this country and Canada.

To Hold an Inquest.

Coroner Hammett today made a partial

morgue from the Emergency Hospital yes-terday afternoon, and this morning Deputy

nquest will be held at the sixth precinct

Tommy's Christmas Tree.

(With apologies to James Whitcomb Riley, if he

cares.)

We ain't got no Chris'mus tree,

'Cause my mamma's husban' he 'Ist forgot he has a kid. 'At's what ny ma's husban' did.

Pa, 'at's my ma's husban', says

Says he hates the noise and fuss, Makes him aggravate an' cuss; Don't see why ma keeps him, he Ain't no use 'at I can see.

'F me was him an' him was me Bet I'd have a Chris'mus tree; Ma 'ist smiles an' says, "too bad!" 'At 'ist makes me awful mad.

Other little boys has pas What believes in Santa Ciaus, Hate mean pas—I'll tell him so 'Ist as soon as I can grow.

Wisht ma lock him out tonight When he comes, 'ist serve him right; Make him stay out there, an' then Gobulius an' bogie men

Ketch him 'fore the mornin' come Bet you then I'd have a drum, An' a whistle 'at I'd blow, Whether be don't like er no.

Wisht-why, here's pa, an' I see That he's brought a Chris'mus tree; Says he thought he'd fool the kid-'At's 'ist what ma's husban' did!

A Mystery of Arithmetic.

It was interesting to read about the gen-

leman who, at a Sunday school meeting

last Sunday, told the children that in the

thirty-three years during which he had ab-

stained from tobaccco he had saved by

that means \$8,882.61. It would also be in-

teresting to know whether any bright boy

in the room asked him if he had all that

money in the bank. It is one of the curious

things about economies of this sort that

they never seem to make any difference

with one's budget at the end of the year.

Theoretically, arithmetically, they must, of

course, but practically they don't. What

ots of thrifty, saving, get-ahead fellows

his accounts would somehow come to th

"Contiguous."

A dusky damsel, temporarily employed as

servant in an up-town residence, wishing

the other morning to use big words, the

From the New Orleans Times-Democrat.

from the Boston Transcript.

Coroner Glazebrook made an autopsy.

From the Baltimore News.

old man Brown into trouble.

northeastward to southern New England, with slowly rising temperature. Tide Table.

Today-Low tide, 5:34 a.m. and 6:02 p.m.; high tide, 11:36 a.m. and 11:56 p.m.

Tomorrow-Low tide, 6:21 a.m. and 6:56 p.m.; high tide, 12:28 p.m. The Sun and Moon.

Sun rises, 7:17; sun sets, 4:44. Moon rises, 10:41 p.m. The City Lights. Gas lamps all lighted by 5:52 p.m.; extin-

guishing begun at 6:26 a.m. The lighting is begun one hour before the time named. Arc lamps lighted at 5:37 p.m.; extinguished at 6:41. Condition of the Water. Temperature and condition of water at 8 a.m.: Great Falls, temperature, 32; condi-tion, 36. Receiving reservoir, temperature

35, condition at north connection, 36; condi-

tion at south connection, 36. Distributing reservoir, temperature, 37; condition at in

#### fluent gate house, 36; effluent gate house, 36 TOMORROW'S STAR.

Wm. Barnes Was Determined to Have It Will Be a Fine Number, Full of Samuel James, a young colored man,

The following partial list of the features came to grief this morning just as the 11 of Saturday's twenty-four page Star will o'clock services were beginning in the give the Washington public an idea of the churches because of a disposition to quargood things in the way of reading matter rel. He went to 1205 New York avenue, in store for them the day after Christmas: where John Brown, an old one-legged colored man, lives, and became quarrelsome. NEW YEAR CALLS (Illustrated.)

Wm. Barnes, another young colored man, ated into extravagance. with a disposition to maintain peace at the expense of fighting for it all his life, ar-SOME NOTED HOUSES (Illustrated.) rived on the scene, and indicated that Description of the handsome residence Christmas morning was no time for getting of well-known Washingtonians.

Origin of a sensib e custom that degener

AT ST. ELIZABETH'S (Hlustrated.) An interesting account of life at the Gov ernment Insane Hospital:

THE YOUNGEST PROSPECTOR IN CAL-AVERAS (Illustrated.) A capital short story by Bret Harte, complete in tomorrow's Star.

ANTARCTIC REGIONS (Illustrated.) Three expeditions planned to explore the South Polar regions.

"JOUR DE L'AN" (Illustrated.) Sterling Heilig tells about the Parisian

observance of the first day of the year. THE MUTABLE MANY (Illustrated.) Another installment of Robert parr'

EASTERN RIVIERA (Illustrated.) Graceful gowns and rich furs seen at the Italian winter resorts.

RELICS OF THE PAST. Furniture and valuables that are forgot-

stirring serial.

ten in Washington storage warehouses. WHAT LED TO IT The feeling against this city in Alexandria

fifty years ago. AFTER OFFICE HOURS.

Scenes in the great department buildings when the clerks leave.

RESORT OF RICH MEN. Frank G. Carpenter describes an island

on the Georgian coast owned by a club of millionaires. NEWSPAPER LIBELS.

A conviction in Paris is regarded as a distinction. AS A WAR CHARIOT.

How an engine made an assault on the hostile Sioux

FOR THE GOOD OF MANKIND. The latest achievements in exploration science and industry.

SPANISH POLICY. A Star correspondent writes of the Cuban

war as seen from Spain's point of view. PARDY'S RED FOX.

When It Lost Its Tail It Kept Turning Somersaults, and So Was Captured From the New York Sun.

Bill Pardy of Wheelerville, N. Y., came walking down the trail from Odit's Camp. up in the North Branch, the other afternoon with his rifle over his shoulder and leading a full-grown red fox with a dog chain fastened to a leather strap about its neck. Elmer Hamlin was leaning against the gate post, waiting for the horses to finish their oats. He looked at the fox, then at Bill Pardy, then at the fox again before he said anything. Then he said:

"Well, say; where did you get him?" "Up by Odit's Camp," Pardy replied. Then Elmer asked how.

Pardy said that his dog had started the fox over on the Big Ash ridge near the Dix swamp and he had gone ahead to the Dix swamp and he had gone ahead to the runway by Odit's Camp. The fox came along and he opened on it with his rifle. He fired three times and then at last the beast went end over end. Pardy reckoned that the bullet had hit it in the head; so that when the fox kept tumbling head over heels he didn't shoot. When he got to the beast, however, he found that the bullet had cut its tail off close affic clean. That had made the beast so light behind that it had cut its tail our close and clean. That had made the beast so light behind that it keeled over every time it tried to leap, like a boy turning somersaults. Bill took his dog chain, tied it to the fox and, after putting the tall into his pocket, started for home, first tying a bag of cartridges to the stub of the fox's tail so that it could walk comfortably.

there are who smoke, and what lots of total abstainers from tobacco who can't lay up a cent to save their lives! It really seems as if the matter of saving money were presided over by unseen imps, who spirit away dimes and dollars from some people by night and put them in the pockets of other people. Cash accounts don't altogether explain the mystery. A man who doesn't use tobacco may often wonder Government of Greater New York. The preliminary draft of the new charter for the Greater New York has been completed, and has been made public. The who doesn't use tobacco may often wonder where he would get the money to buy it if he did use it; but if he did use it, probably commission, before submitting the charter to the legislature, will hold public hearings from January 4 to 16. The preliminary charter divides the city into five boroughs -Manhattan, the Bronx, Brooklyn, Richmond and Queens. The central government of the city will be in the hands of a munici pal assembly consisting of two houses. lower house of 104 members, elected from lower house of 104 members, elected from senatorial districts, and an upper house of thirty-zeven members, elected from council districts, are created by the charter. There will be one mayor, but each of the five boroughs will have a president to care for it cal concerns, and there will be twenty-two local boards, one for each senatorial districts. district.

Senator Allison denies that he is to enter the cabinet of Major McKinley as Secretary of State. "I have not been offered that or any other position by Mr. McKinley," he said.

# CHRISTMAS STORIES

As Told Today in the Police Court.

# THE PATHETIC SIDE OF LIFE

Some Good Points for Lecturers on Temperance.

EARLY MORNING SCENES

Evergreen and holly and all other evidences of Christmas-cheer were lacking in the Police Court today. As the church bells throughout the city were melodiously pealing forth a summons to early worship nine patrol wagons were each receiving a living freight, comprising all sorts, classes and conditions of humanity. Amid the gladsome shouts and merry peals of laughter from happy children exercising toy equines on the sidewalks, these unfortunates were transported to the Police Court, where they huddled in the dock, the picture of despair. The day was undoubtedly the saddest of the year in the tribunal of justice, net a laughable sally, as usual, occurring as a small parenthesis of merriment in the misery of the occasion. But one woman was included among the prisoners, and she sat in a corner, showing every evidence of an advanced stage of nervousness.

Not only the prisoners, but every one else about the court seemed to be depressed because of the fact that of all days it should be necessary to deprive fellow-beings of liberty on Christmas. The cus-tomary good-natured smile was missed from the countenance of Policeman Flynn, the guardian of the hallway, as he bade his friends "Merry Christmas." Bailiff Kendig was unusually polite and kind in manner as he bade the defendants-"Step back, sir." Prosecuting Attorney Pugh was unnaturally solemn, and Judge Kimbell temperad toxico with marcy and good was unnaturally solemn, and sugger kind ball tempered justice with mercy and good advice. In fact, the pathos called forth by the traditions of the season affected those without the dock; it would be a difficult task to attempt to describe the emotions that distressed those within.

Cared for for Two Weeks.

Sympathy was expressed in every face as George T. Goodwin was called to the rail as a vagrant. Goodwin is a young fellow of perhaps twenty-five years, of athletic build, with light curly hair and a face intellectual and handsome. His bearing showed him to be a man of undoubted refirement, education and training. And yet such a person found it necessary to approach a policeman on the eve of merry Christmas, when to most of us all the world seemed bright, gay and happy; when Santa Claus was just starting out on his eagerly anticipated annual journey from chimney to chimney; when peace on earth, good will toward men were supposed to prevail, and beg that he be sent to the vorkhouse.

"This man came to me last night," ex-plained Policeman Whalen to the court, "and stated that he wanted to be ent down. I therefore brought him here as a

"Tell me about yourself," said Judge Kimball to Goodwin. "I do not care to say anything," replied the young man, with eyes cast down. "Well, I want to hear from you," continued the court.
Goodwin, with cheeks flushed, took the

stand, and said that, being without money and unable to secure work, there seemed no other course open to him than to go to the workhouse.
"You are a man of ability, I am sure," said the court. "What is the cause of your

"Whisky, sir," responded Goodwin, frank-

"Whisky, sir, responded download ly.
"I am sorry to hear it," Judge Kimball went on to say. "Why don't you go home and behave yourself like a man? Won't your friends help you?"
"I don't care to call on them."
"Where is your home?"
"At Providence, Rhode Island."
"What is to prevent you walking home?"

inquired the court. "It is too long a walk this cold weather," said Goodwin, "and my clothes are very "Well, I'll send you down for two weeks,

The police made 102 arrests yesterday and last night. Seven of the persons arruled the court. "The weather will probably be warmer then. Start home, then; rested were females. brace up and be a man.' "Thank you, sir," and Goodwin stapped

Felt the Disgrace. After remaining sober for three years John Quinn, colored, last evening became imbued with both Christmas and alcoholic spirits to such a degree that he disturb ed the peace and quiet of several neighbor hoods. Policeman Hendricks found it necessary to place him under arrest. "Deed, jedge, yer 'onner," said John excitecly to the court, "dis is de very fust time, I wuz eber locked up Christmus day, en I feels the disgrace of it, 'deed I does, sah. I hasn't drank er drop fer mo' dan three years.'

"But you were drunk last night," said the "No, sah, I wasn't."
"Did you ever see a man who would acknowledge that he was drunk?" remark-

ed Judge Kimball to the reporters.
"I had been a drinkin', sah, but I wus'sn drunk," declared John. "If I let you off, you'll start drinking gain," then said the court.
"I won' tech a drop ter day, sah," prom-

ised John. "How about tomorrow?"
"N-o-o, sah," reluctantly. "I won' drink

no mo' during the holidays."

on the way to his home, in Boston, from

A Case of False Pretenses. A prisoner of an entirely different character from the foregoing was Charles Turner, who claimed to be a ship's carpenter,

Newport News.

sir, for sixty days."

"I was in citizen's attire last evening." said Policeman Burlingame, "when this man accosted me on Pennsylvania avenue. He asked for money, saying that he was practically starving and almost frozen, adding that he was absolutely penniless. At the station house, after I had arrested At the station house, after I had arrested him, we found 83 cents on the man."
"This is the worst sort of a beggar," said Judge Kimball, the Christmas spirit disappearing from his voice. "When a man is really hungry there may possibly be some excuse for him to beg. This individual, however, had sufficient money to nay for lodging and soveral meals by the pay for lodging and several meals, but stead he stopped pedestrians and told a falsehood in an effort to appeal to their sympathies. You'll go to the workhouse,

When the roll was called this morning at the marine barracks Joseph Boyce, a usually punctual private, failed to respond? Shortly thereafter Capt. Harrington received a telephone message explaining that Joseph was at the Police Court, and that

Told to the Marines.

Joseph was at the Police Court, and that his fine was \$5. This was a statement of fact, not one of the stories which are customarily told to the marines.

Private Boyce secured leave of absence last evening and proceeded up-town, where he indulged in large quantities of liquid refreshment and later persisted in informing the throngs of shoppers along Pennsylvania avenue with emphatic oaths that he was the sole proprietor of different sections of the earth. He couldn't make it clear to his honor in court today just how it happened, so the fine stated was imposed. A sergeant from the barracks visited court, paid the fine and took Boyce to a locality where military law will deal with his case.

A Whipping Post Suggestion. Thomas Gassaway celebrated the advent of the holidays by getting drunk and beating his wife in a manner most inhuman and shameful. Womanlike, she refused to prosecute her brutal husband, so he was merely charged with disorderly conduct.
"The whipping post is the only proper remedy for this class of offenders," said the court, "and the lash should be piled by no means gently. Twenty dollars is the

William Carr is another citizen who, after reaching a beastly state of intoxica-

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tion, amused himself by inflicting cruel treatment on his far better half. "One-hundred-dollar bonds or sixty

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lavs." Edward, Walter and Clinton Johnson were on their way home about midnight. They mistook Washington Circle for a stage and determined to give a minstrel performance then and there. After a song service the trio indulged in a clever imita tion of three men endeavoring to wipe one another off the face of the earth. "Five dollars each."

"Drunk and disorderly," was the charge against Charles Tibbs. "I was merely taking an intoxicated friend home," explained Charles. "He was disorderly and both of us were arrested "This man was far worse than his friend," explained the policeman in the

"Fifteen days." Joseph Barnard, possessed of a black eye and a defiant air, was accused of fighting He did not deny it, and was fined \$5. Not having the five, Joseph went down.

"Chick Carter," announced the clerk to that individual, "this information charges that you were drunk and disorderly last night

"And that's no flaring falsehood," commented Chick sorrowfully.
"The court fines you \$5." "It's me just deserts." William Maynard and James Wilson were

begging on F street and their reward was thirty days each.

#### CONDENSED LOCALS Gee. W. Cox, a resident of the District

for thirty-five years, died at the residence of his sister, Mrs. Love, 36 E street north-west, last night at 11:30 o'clock of heart failure. Funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The Metropolitan Railroad Company re

membered every one of its employes today

Motormen, conductors, power house attend eral offices of the company all received a little package containing something appropriate to the season. Last night about 8 o'clock an elderly man named Francis Haniker was found in the alley in rear of P street northwest betwee: New Jersey avenue and 1st street with his head badly cut. He claimed that he had been knocked down and assaulted

There is a leak in the water main on Maine avenue southwest. Lieut. Vernor reported the break to the water depart ment this morning.

by some unknown colored men. When taken to Freedman's Hospital the physi-cians found that he was not seriously hurt.

Last night there were fifty-five victims of intemperance locked up at the different police stations. Today a number of arrests for drunkenness were made, and it is prob-able that all the police cells will be filled tonight.

The reports of the pawnbrokers, ma police headquarters today, show that they did a big business yesterday. Persons in need of Christmas money had waited until the last moment and then pawned their valuables as the last resort.

# GROWTH OF LEPROSY.

Its First Appearance in Europe and Introduction Into Canada From the Globe-Democrat.

When a leper was picked up in the streets

of Paris a few days ago and carried to the St. Louis Hospital, it was found that six leprous patients did not exhibit as much concern over the matter as the average man might expect. The fact is, leprosy is not so rare as we have been taught to think, and throughout the civilized world the disease is vigorously alive, claiming victims every day of the year and increasing its hold in certain countries with alarming rapidity. Norway is said to be the most leprous country in Europe, and it is estimated that over 800 are suffering from it there, while in Sweden the progress of the disease has been so rapid in recent years that there are 462 victims of it. In Spain and Portugal there are numerous leper hospitals, which are never without patients, and in Turkey and the Ionian Islands it gains ground annually. There are over 500 lepers in Crete, and the latest

statistics show that there are 100,000 lepers in India. China, Japan, Hayti, Trinidad, Guiana, Venezuela, Brazil, Paraguay, Tonquin and Indo-China are all infested with eprosy.

But when we come nearer home we find that the disease has made alarming pro-

gress in certain quarters.

The oldest leper colony in this part is localed at Tracadic, in the province of New Brunswick, Canada. Here probably occur red the first death in North America from eprosy. It was nearly sixty-five years ago that a woman died in Tracadie of a peculiar disease, and was buried by a missionary priest of the Roman Catholic Church. The physician who attended the case went to Europe shortly afterward and visited all of the foreign hospitals to find a parallel case, but he was unable to find any one suffer-ing from the same malady. While visiting in Norway he saw several lepers, and upon his return to Canada he unhesitatingly pro-

mounced the strange case of the dead wo-man to have been leprosy.

But the strangest part of the story of how leprosy started in that country was revealed later. One of the four fishermen who carried the body of the dead woman to her grave was in his shirt sleeves at the time, and the sharp edge of the coffic cut time, and the sharp edge of the through the sleeve into the skin. fin had been rudely made and the corpse put in carelessly. A slimy discharge from the body oozed through the wooden box and entered the punctured flesh of the fisherman. This caused blood poisoning, and the man died a short time afterward from the same malady. It was about this time that the physician returned and approached that the physician returned and announced to the board of health that the woman's disease was leprosy. Inside of sixteen years there were twenty lepers in Tracadie, and the provincial government had to take steps

to isolate them from the rest of the popula-tion. The lazaretto was a miserable build-ing, where the lepers were forced to live and die in great misery, often suffering more from hunger and cold than from the pangs of the disease. The inmates of this building constantly increased, and little was done to improve their condition until 1866. In that year the Good Sisters of the Hotel Dieu, in Montreal, through certain repre-sentations of Dr. Bayard of Tracadie, un-dertook to mitigate their sufferings and to build a proper lazaretto for them. The sisters arrived in Tracadie in 1868 to create the change they had been planning, and, while they immediately improved the con-dition of the patients, they were handicap-ped for many years by the interference of the local board of health and government.

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moral of the George Washington cherry tree story, was fortunate enough to find a fat 'possum recently. He bore it in triumph to his dwelling, and, assisted by his son, cooked it to a juicy brown. "Now," said he, "de bes' way ter eat a

'possum is col'; so we'll jes' let him stay in de pantry, en when mawnin' come he'll be mo' jucier den ever!" His son seemed sadly disappointed, but he made the best of it, and both retired for

On opening the safe the astonished parent discovered nothing but bones in the dish that had contained the 'possum. He brought the drowsy youngster to his feet with one vigorous jerk, and dragging him to the scene of the wreck, he said:
"What does dat mean, eh?"
The boy fell on his knees and cried:
"Daddy, I can't tell a lie; I got up in de night en eat it wid my little mouf!"
The old man said not a word, but drag-

The old man said not a word, but dragging the boy to the front door he held him by the collar while he jerked a piece of weatherboarding from the side of the house.

"I never knew a woman to love her hus "She let's him have the top drawer in

Gen. Fitzhugh Lee, with his wife and daughter, left Tampa last night on the Olivette for Cuba.

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> the night.
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> The old man was up early next morning. but the boy slept on. On opening the safe the astonished parent

> "Daddy," cried the boy, "is you gwine ter lick me fer tellin' de truth?"
> "No! You kinky-headed debbil, you!"
> thundered the old man, "I gwine ter frail
> de hide off ye for catin' de 'possum."

Unprecedented From the Chicago Record.

band as madly as Mrs. Tootfiler." "How does she show it?" their bureau.